

City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, February 18, 2021
7p.m. - Zoom Virtual Meeting

P&RC Members:

Present: Gina Baum, Chair (District I); Stephen Beggs, Vice Chair (District II); Dana Colarulli (District II); Katy Matthews (District III), David Brennan (District III); Owen Chambers (student member); Alexandria Kelley (student member), Brian McPherson (District III); Barbara Marvin (District I)

Absent: Stuart Fox (District I); Joey Farmery (District II)

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, Director; Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Margaret Orlando, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning; Laura Durham, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Ana Vicinanzo, Urban Planner, Park Planning; Beth Znidersic, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Office of the Arts.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair, Gina Baum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: Wilkes Street Park Final Design

a. Staff Presentation – Ana Vicinanzo & Judy Lo, Park Planning

Ana Vicinanzo and Judy Lo gave a presentation on the Wilkes Street Park Final Design. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/WilkesStreetParkRedesign18Feb2021.pdf>

Public Comment: No public comment

ACTION: FY21.02.18.A

Motion: Dana Colarulli moved, and Katy Matthews seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: FY21.02.18.B

Motion: Dana Colarulli moved, and Steve Beggs seconded the motion to recommend the proposed Wilkes Street Park Final Design.

ACTION: FY21.02.18.C

Motion: Dana Colarulli moved, and Steve Beggs seconded the motion to write a letter to City Council endorsing the proposed Wilkes Street Park Final Design.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

IV. COMMISSION REPORTS (verbal reports by District)

DISTRICT I: Barbara Marvin and Stuart Fox had nothing to report. Gina Baum reported no updates from the Waterfront Commission. In April, there will be a sub-committee tasked to discuss flood mitigation. Chair Baum will be a member of that sub-group.

DISTRICT II: Joey Farmery and Dana Colarulli had nothing to report. Stephen Beggs gave an update on the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Group (PYMIG). Construction continues to work on the southern entrance, and they have cut down a few trees in the process. He is waiting for a final planting plan to be shared with the group.

DISTRICT III: David Brennen and Katy Matthews had nothing to report. Brian McPherson reported that the Youth Sports Advisory Group met last week. Most of the meeting included presentations on the status of different fields within the City.

Jack Browand stated that the Landmark Advisory Group will be meeting soon and reminded the Commission that Barbara Marvin is the Commission representative. Commission member David Brennan expressed interest in being involved in the advisory group. Jack will look into having two people represent the Commissions single seat.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

b. Staff Reports – Commissioner Questions

Division updates (staff reports) posted at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCCCombinedReports_2_18_21.pdf

Margaret Orlando updated Commission members on childcare plan. A memo was provided to the Commission prior to meeting. RPCA plans to maintain 25 classrooms. There are a few things that are still be worked out between RPCA and ACPS. There will be additional information available in the next few weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ACTIONS

a. Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020

Barbara Marvin motioned, and Katy Matthews seconded the approval of the January meeting minutes. It passed by unanimous vote.

- b. **Eisenhower East SAP Block 32 Open Space** – Nathan Imm, Planning & Zoning
Nathan Imm gave a presentation on the Eisenhower East SAP Block 32 Open Space. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/CarlylePark18Feb2021.pdf>

- c. **FY 2022 Proposed Operating & CIP Budget Brief** – James Spengler

Mr. James Spengler, RPCA Director, briefed the commission on the FY22 proposed operating and CIP budget. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/CMOBudgetRecommendationFY2022_18Feb2021.pdf

VI. NEXT MEETING

March 18, 2021 – Virtual Zoom Meeting

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Katy Matthews moved, and **Dana Colarulli** seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

*Please note that meeting minutes are a summary of topics discussed during each Commission meeting. Meetings are video recorded in their entirety. Full video recording available here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/video/4853>